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Letter dated 21 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the Law "On the Succession of Ukraine" passed by the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine on 22 September 1991 (see annex).

I request that you circulate the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 68, 77, 81, 93, 98 and 127.

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ANNEX

Law on the succession of Ukraine of 22 September 1991

Article 1. From the moment of the proclamation of the Declaration of Independence of Ukraine, the highest organ of State power of Ukraine shall be the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine which shall be composed of the deputies to the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

Article 2. Until the adoption of a new Constitution of Ukraine, the Constitution (Basic Law) of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic shall be in force in the territory of Ukraine.

Article 3. The laws of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and other acts adopted by the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic shall be in force in the territory of Ukraine as long as they do not contravene the laws of Ukraine adopted after the Declaration of Independence of Ukraine.

Article 4. The organs of State power and administration, the organs of the Procurator's Office and the courts and arbitration tribunals established on the basis of the Constitution (Basic Law) of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic shall be in force in Ukraine until the organs of State power and administration, the organs of the Procurator's Office, and the courts and arbitration tribunals are established on the basis of the new Constitution of Ukraine.

Article 5. The State frontier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics separating the territory of Ukraine from other States, and the frontier between the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic and the Republic of Moldova as it existed on 16 July 1990 shall constitute the State frontier of Ukraine.

Article 6. Ukraine reaffirms its obligations under international treaties concluded by the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic before the Declaration of Independence of Ukraine.

Article 7. Ukraine shall be the successor to the rights and obligations under international treaties concluded by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, in so far as those rights and obligations do not conflict with the Constitution of Ukraine and the interests of the Republic.

Article 8. Ukraine agrees to service the external debt of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as at 16 July 1990 in the proportion determined by a separate inter-State agreement.

Ukraine shall not be liable in respect of any loan contracts or agreements concluded by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics after 1 July 1991 without the consent of Ukraine.

Article 9. All citizens of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics who were permanent residents in the territory of Ukraine at the time of the Declaration of Independence of Ukraine shall be citizens of Ukraine.

Ukraine undertakes to protect the human rights of every citizen of Ukraine, regardless of nationality or other characteristics, in accordance with international legal instruments on human rights.

The procedures relating to the retention, acquisition or loss of Ukrainian citizenship shall be regulated by the law on citizenship of Ukraine.